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ROBBINS PARISH

The very special team shown working above are now continuing their joint ministry in Robbins, TN.

She, Rev. Patricia E. Grier, is the new pastor at Robbins Parish UCC (Barton Chapel Congregational and Glen Mary Congregational).

Patti was born in Chissamba, Angola to missionary parents and after age 6 grew up in Connecticut. She attended Upsala College and Andover Newton Theological School. She has served churches in Preble, NY, Fort Pierre, SD and served most recently as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in

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Multiply a miracle

one great hour
of sharing

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



On April 1st we will be taking our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Our world is in great need of our prayers, concern, and gifts to help heal the hatreds, hunger, and illnesses of its people.

David Stowe, Executive Vice President of our Board of World Ministries writes: "Offerings to OGHs make some of these works possible. In 2 days a team of surgeons and their paramedics performed 212 cataract operations and restored sight to 186 persons at Hodal, India because you gave. Villagers in 146 towns of Togo have pure water to drink because you gave. Children in a refugee camp in Solumuna are eating because you gave. Children in the Dominican Republic have been inoculated against polio because you gave."

David Stowe will be speaking at our annual meeting of the Southeast Conference in Cullman, AL in June (15th - 17th). We will also honor former missionaries living within our Conference who have served with the UCBWM.

Isabel Hemingway has compiled a list of those living at Pleasant Hill, TN, some of whom would be happy to visit and speak at your church. Any church wishing a missionary speaker should contact the Southeast Conference office or Pressley Ingram (639 Rumson Rd., Birmingham, AL 35209) or Euphemia Young (1630 Berkley Cir., Chattanooga, TN 37405) who are Corporate Members of UCBWM.

ROBBINS (Continued)

Americus, GA where (while hanging sheetrock) she met her husband, Eugene M. Grier.

Gene has been a Presbyterian minister and managed a business for the past 15 years. As of February 27th, he is the new director of Appalachia Habitat.

We welcome the Grier's with friendship and love as they begin their new ministries in the Southeast Conference.

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Lanett, Alabama

On Thursday evening, March 29th, the United Churches of Christ of the Valley area will host the Concert Choir of Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois. The concert, which will include sacred and classical works, will be presented in the sanctuary of the Congregational Christian Church (UCC), 900 South 7th Ave., Lanett, AL.

The choir, numbering some 40 - 50 voices, will include the East Alabama-West Georgia area as part of its annual Spring tour. The choir is under the direction of Paul Westermeyer, a graduate of Elmhurst College with advanced degrees from Lancaster Theological Seminary, the School of Sacred Music at Union Seminary, and the University of Chicago. Elmhurst was founded in 1871 by the Evangelical Synod of North America and is related to our church through the Division of Higher Education of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm and will be followed by a time of fellowship and covered-dish supper.

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FOCUS

ON YOUTH

At General Synod #14, Youth was chosen as a priority for the church's life over the next four years. The goals of the new youth priority include:

- encouraging the involvement and empowerment of young people in the life of the local church;
- providing experiences of the church's wider mission and life, including camps, conferences, and regional events;
- developing programs and resources for use in local churches, including materials related to faith development and biblical understanding;
- addressing together issues in today's world that impact the lives of young people.

COMMISSION ON WOMEN IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

The Women's Commission would like the help of the local Southeast Conference churches in completing the following questionnaire. This questionnaire will aid them in planning upcoming women's retreats and conferences.

How many families in your church have children under 7?

How many single parents have children under 7 years old?

From families in the above categories...

How many women would find it easier to attend women's functions if professional childcare was provided?

Yes _____ # No _____

I would prefer to leave children at home.

Yes _____ # No _____

Please clip out this questionnaire and return it to:

The Southeast Conference
P. O. Box 29883
Atlanta, GA 30359

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HAS YOUR CHURCH VOTED FOR THE PEACE OFFERING?

Now is the time for your church to affirm peacemaking in the UCC by voting to receive the 1984 all-church Peace Offering. By so doing, your church joins thousands of other UCC churches in working toward peace in our world today. Most churches will receive the Peace Offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 10, the date voted by General Synod 14. The Synod voted that 25% of the offering may be used by churches and 25% by conferences for peacemaking. Fifty percent will be used by national bodies, primarily OCIS, to help churches in peacemaking. Blessed are the peacemakers is the theme for the 1984 Peace Offering. Peacemaking worship materials will be sent to every church by early May, as well as a poster, bulletin inserts, and peacemaking fliers. Start planning for the Peace Offering now. After voting, decide how to use your congregation's share in a peacemaking ministry. Now is the time to respond to our Christian calling.

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S O U T H E A S T C O N F E R E N C E

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

REPORT OF GIVING BY CHURCHES

FOR THE YEAR OF 1983

<u>ALABAMA TENNESSEE ASSOC.</u>	<u>OCWM</u>	<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>	<u>Directed Gifts</u>	<u>NICD</u>
Athens, Trinity	\$ 210.00	\$.00	\$1,084.10	\$ 986.01
Belvidere, First United	\$ 5,642.33	\$ 7,231.24	\$.00	\$.00
Birmingham, First	\$ 2,149.24	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Birmingham, Pilgrim	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 321.50	\$.00	\$1,000.00
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	\$ 12,773.00	\$ 2,448.72	\$ 260.00	\$ 500.00
Cullman, St. John's	\$ 7,200.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$1,200.00
Deer Lodge, CC	\$ 660.00	\$ 81.00	\$.00	\$.00
Fairfield Glade Community	\$ 2,966.00	\$ 370.50	\$.00	\$.00
Garden City CC	\$ 462.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Glen Mary CC	\$ 315.00	\$ 113.00	\$.00	\$.00
Huntsville, United	\$ 3,775.00	\$ 1,725.67	\$ 280.00	\$ 500.00
Knoxville, Ch. of Savior	\$ 1,215.22	\$ 763.50	\$ 541.63	\$.00
Montgomery, First	\$ 3,179.93*	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Nashville, Brookmeade	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 970.50	\$.00	\$.00
Nashville, First E&R	\$ 6,882.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 550.00	\$.00
Nashville, Howard	\$ 400.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Pleasant Hill Community	\$ 10,075.00	\$ 9,411.66	\$1,736.25	\$1,000.00
Robbins Barton Chapel	\$ 250.00	\$ 105.00	\$.00	\$.00
Sweetwater, First	\$ 250.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Tougaloo Union	\$ 175.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Crossville, Ch. of Gd. Shep.	\$.00**	\$ 3,253.00	\$.00	\$.00
Total-----	\$ 70,679.72	\$27,135.29	\$4,451.98	\$5,186.01
<u>NORTH ALABAMA ASSOC.</u>				
Arley CC	\$ 53.26	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Caddo First	\$ 1,200.00	\$.00	\$ 69.78	\$.00
Moulton Jones Chapel	\$ 124.20	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Total-----	\$ 1,377.46	\$.00	\$ 69.78	\$.00
<u>CENTRAL ALABAMA ASSOC.</u>				
East Tallassee	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 219.86	\$ 100.00	\$.00
Eclectic, Watson's	\$ 100.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Total-----	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 219.86	\$ 100.00	\$.00
<u>EAST ALABAMA ASSOC.</u> -----				
	\$ 21,788.00	\$ 4,186.77	\$2,716.75	\$2,884.75
<u>SOUTH ALABAMA/NW FLORIDA ASSOC.</u>				
Andalusia Antioch	\$ 1,080.00	\$.00	\$ 75.00	\$.00
Baker, Pyron Chapel	\$ 325.00	\$.00	\$ 398.00	\$.00
Bonifay, New Effort	\$ 50.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Headland, Blackwood	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 29.30	\$ 100.00
Baker, Good Hope	\$ 100.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Total-----	\$ 2,555.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 502.30	\$ 100.00

* \$1,128.35 received too late to be included in 1983 figures. Posted for 1984.

** \$ 500.00 received too late to be included in 1983 figures. Posted for 1984.

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<u>GEORGIA/S.CAROLINA ASSOC.</u>	<u>OCWM</u>	<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>	<u>DIRECTED GIFTS</u>	<u>NICD</u>
Atlanta, Central	\$ 17,050.00	\$ 4,123.40	\$ 550.00	\$ 337.00
Atlanta, First	\$ 9,000.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Dewey Rose, Liberty	\$ 400.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Braselton, Macedonia	\$ 400.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Charleston, Circular	\$ 4,825.00	\$ 1,436.16	\$ 118.13	\$.00
Charleston, Plymouth	\$ 1,346.47	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Columbia, UCC Fellowship	\$ 46.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Demorest, Federated	\$ 633.00	\$ 316.00	\$ 3.00	\$.00
Jonesboro, Bonanza	\$ 500.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Lilburn, Button Gwinnett	\$ 1,108.87***	\$ 246.75	\$.00	\$ 107.48
Marietta, Pilgrimage	\$ 3,233.45	\$ 406.00	\$.00	\$ 225.20
Midway, Congregational	\$ 800.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$.00
Richland, First	\$ 25.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Savannah, First	\$ 2,016.00	\$ 162.00	\$.00	\$.00
Thomasville, Bethany	\$ 250.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Total-----	\$ 41,587.79	\$ 6,786.31	\$ 721.13	\$ 669.68
<u>TOTAL FOR CONFERENCE</u>	<u>\$139,153.97</u>	<u>\$38,478.23</u>	<u>\$8,561.94</u>	<u>\$8,840.44</u>

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) -	\$ 18,790.67
Veterans of the Cross (VETS) -	\$ 5,370.89
Neighbors in Need (NIN) -	\$ 8,490.85
Hunger Action Fund (HA) -	\$ 3,329.16
Family Thank Offering (FTO) -	\$ 2,496.66

DIRECTED GIFTS:

Elon Home for Children -	\$ 5,215.64
Morgan-Scott -	\$ 1,496.25
Uplands -	\$ 380.65
Habitat for Humanity -	\$ 647.82
Brokenshire -	\$ 5.00
Turkey -	\$ 71.15
Other Directed Gifts -	\$ 745.43

* Fredonia Church in Barnesville, Georgia was inadvertently grouped with East Alabama.
(\$275 to Special Offering)

** Gifts not sent through the Southeast Conference Office are not included in figures.

***\$117.75 received too late to be included in 1983 figures. Posted for 1984.

FORMAL NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Southeast Conference will be held in Cullman, Alabama at St. Bernard's Abbey. The dates for this important meeting are June 15th (3:00pm) to June 17th (3:00pm). Rev. David M. Stowe of the UCBWM will bring the keynote address.
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NESTLE BOYCOTT SUSPENDED

The seven-year-long boycott of products of the Nestle Corporation has been suspended after Nestle and the International Nestle Boycott Committee (INBC) agreed on guidelines for marketing of baby formula in developing countries, and Nestle agreed to endorse and implement the International Infant Formula Code of the World Health Organization.

The UCC was among the first of 87 religious, labor, women's and health organizations to join in the INBC.

In an open letter to the UCC, Dr. Avery Post, President of the UCC, said "Now is a time for us to rejoice and celebrate this very successful action which begins to safeguard the children of the Third World from hazards related to the inappropriate marketing of infant formula. You should therefore in all good conscience consider Nestle products in your consumer decisions."

The church can be effective!
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CURT'S NUGGETS

Only by risking faith can one find faith.
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From the NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR WOMEN WHO ARE POOR Sponsored by The Office For Church in Society, United Church of Christ

Although there are more than 44 million women in the paid labor force today, 80% are restricted to just 20 of the 420 listed occupational categories—mostly in retail sales, service, clerical, factory, or plant work. The growth of job opportunities in these traditionally female occupations has not kept pace with the growing number of female job seekers. As a result, women make up the majority (66%) of the "discouraged" workers—those who have actually given up looking for paid employment. Of those women who found jobs in 1978 only 9.9% held well-paid traditionally "male" jobs

REPRINTED FROM "THE TOWER MESSENGER", FIRST UCC, Cambridge, NE

Recently I came across an interesting letter written by a lady to her church. She had been in Sunday school since age 10, had been married in the church, her sons baptized in the church and she had worked on church committees and taught Sunday school. This is what she wrote: "My account seems to be overdrawn. I deposited myself; I withdrew a way of life. I deposited my wedding vows; I withdrew a wonderful and satisfying marriage. I deposited my sons for baptism; I withdrew all the joys and blessings of motherhood. I deposited time; I withdrew the friendship of young and old. I deposited money. Now that seems to be a touchy subject. What did I get for my money? A beautiful building, yes, but more than that! I received an investment in the children and young adults of our church. A place to worship, a place to meet friends, old and new. A place where I feel good deep within and knowing I am doing right. I know of no other organization where I am free to decide how little I want to deposit in it and still feel free to withdraw as much as I need. I will try in the future to make greater deposits, but please don't count on my being able to balance my account as I know I'll be overdrawn always!"
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CALENDAR UPDATE

March	2	-	World Day of Prayer
March	7	-	Ash Wednesday
March	11	-	First Sunday in Lent
March	17	-	EAL-UCY Spring Rally Pine Forest, Valley, AL
March	21	-	Earth Day
March	25	-	EAL-W GA Women's Spring Rally, LaGrange United
April	6-8	-	Basic Education Skills Training Workshop, Frank- linton Center, NC
April	13	-	SANF Ministers Meeting
April	15	-	Palm Sunday
April	17	-	First Day of Passover
April	19	-	Maundy Thursday
April	20	-	Good Friday
April	22	-	Easter Sunday
April	29	-	UCC College Heritage Day
April	30-May 6	-	Farm Worker Week
May	4-6	-	Spring Mini-Camp Laguna Beach
May	14-15	-	Ministers Convocation Callaway Gardens

N-E-W-S and N-O-T-E-S

There is a copy of the new Service Project Listing for 1984-1985 at the conference office. The listing is divided into three categories including: Work Camps, Awareness/Action Workshops, and Urban/Work Seminars. Anyone interested in more information can contact the Southeast Conference office.

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Ordination Service for George C. Hawkins was held Sunday, March 4th, at the Laodicea United Church of Christ in Raleigh. George began his ministry as an assistant to Rev. Joe Boone at the Rush Memorial Church in Atlanta. Later, he became pastor of First Congregational Church, UCC in Montgomery.

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The Rev. Dr. Charles Shelby Rooks will be installed as executive vice president of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries on April 30 at Philipppus United Church in Cincinnati.

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Film maker Vincenzo Labella, together with Procter & Gamble Co., will bring to television the epic story about the development of First Century Christianity.

"A.D." (Anno Domini) will be a 12-hour mini-series scheduled to air on NBC in the Spring of 1985. A.D. should be a valuable resource for inspiration and education.

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Rev. Carol Jean Delcher is serving as interim minister at Pilgrimage United Church of Christ in Marietta, Ga.

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Rev. Bobby Smith is the new pastor at the Union Grove Congregational UCC in Haleyville, AL.

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Watch for information on the upcoming Ministers Convocation to be held at Callaway Gardens on May 14-15.

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